

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner indicates that the present application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters as set forth in paragraph No. 1 of the Office Action dated September 9, 2004. Accordingly, the Applicants have reviewed and amended the claims in order to address each and every one of the Examiner's objections. The amendments to the claims were made merely more accurately to claim the present invention and do not narrow the literal scope of the claims and thus do not implicate an estoppel in the application of the doctrine of equivalents. The amendments to the claims were not made for reasons related to patentability.

The Examiner has kindly acknowledged the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, as well as receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. The Examiner also indicates that the drawings filed together with the application on August 7, 2003 are accepted.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

*Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111*  
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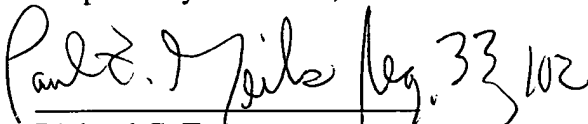
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